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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Editorially amend the specification.
2. Amend independent claims 1 and 6 to specify that the in band messages are carried in a channel of an intermediate fixed or circuit switched network.
3. Amend claims 14 – 16 and 23 – 24 to specify that the telecommunications network in which the mapping of the capabilities information into an inband signalling message occurs for transport is a fixed or circuit switched telecommunications network.
4. Editorially amend dependent claim 23.
5. Add new claims 24 - 27.
6. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.

B. THE NEW CLAIMS

New dependent claims 24 – 27 specify that the channel (of the intermediate fixed or circuit switched network which carries the inband signaling message) comprises one or more bits of PCM samples of one or more links of a PSTN/ISDN network. New claims 24, are supported, e.g., by page 11, lines 22+, and page 12, lines 9 – 12.

C. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,856,612 to Bjelland. All prior art rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

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All of Applicants' independent claims (independent claims 1, 6, 14, and 22) require that the claimed in band message be carried in a channel of an intermediate fixed or circuit switched network. This claim limitation is not taught or suggested by US Patent 6,856,612 to Bjelland. Bjelland instead transfers information between two circuit switched networks via a packet switched (IP) network. Applicants, on the other hand, transfer multimedia information between two (packet switched) multimedia networks via a PSTN/ISDN (circuit switched) network. Accordingly, US Patent 6,856,612 to Bjelland does not provide a basis for denying patentability and should be removed as a reference.



C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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